

SKYSCRAPER IS TO BE ENLARGED

Eccles Estate Buys the Building in Which the Fred M. Nye Clothing Store Is Located and Plans to Cover the Ground With an Extension of the Eight-Story Structure to be Built on the Ruins of the Block Destroyed by Fire

As a result of negotiations that have been under way for several days, the Eccles estate yesterday decided to take over the property owned by the Commercial National bank south of the present Eccles skyscraper site, on July 1.

The settlement reached means that the Eccles building will be extended to include that property, but whether the addition to the plans will be undertaken at once depends upon the lease which is held by the Fred M. Nye company, occupying the ground floor of the building in question.

According to D. C. Eccles, even though the building must be left standing until the present lease of Mr. Nye has expired, which is January 1, 1915, the addition to the skyscraper will be built at that time. Negotiations are now in progress whereby the Nye company will probably vacate the premises, permitting the construction of the larger building, the Nye store to have quarters in the new building upon its completion.

Even before the settlement of the wall controversy between the two interests, the Eccles estate decided to go ahead with the building. The plans would permit of the erection of the steel to within 25 feet of the disputed wall. The plans of the building were such that it would be possible at a later date to extend the building to the adjoining property without marring the appearance of the structure.

D. C. Eccles stated today that, while the big question, the taking over of the property, had been settled, there were still minor details to be arranged. One of the problems is the lease held by Fred M. Nye which does not expire for eighteen months.

"Those details will not delay the present work on the building," said Mr. Eccles today. "The contractors will go ahead with the work as planned and, if the present uncertainties are overcome before the expiration of the lease, the building operations will be extended to include the site of the building that will be taken over on the first of the month."

"Mr. Nye holds the lease and is legally entitled to remain there until its expiration. Such short notice has been given that the lessee has not had time to think the matter over."

"week" construction but he says that once he gets all material on hand and the force of men at topnotch efficiency, he will make good.

Most of the bases for the steel columns of the Eccles skyscraper have been placed in the pit and men are placing iron on the concrete foundations. Once the castiron material is in position, the work of placing the steel columns, which will extend from the basement to the top floor, will begin.

A steam engine and a large derrick to be used in handling the first steel are being placed on the ground today and by Monday morning actual steel construction should begin. The steel columns will be in two-story sections, weighing from two to six tons each.

A steel skeleton will be erected, after which the entire building will be gone over again in filling in and completing the structure.

Contractors on the Howell block are making good progress after having been handicapped considerably by excessive flow of water in the basement and having to spend much time in bracing the building to warrant the

removal of old material, and it will be but a few days when the place will be ready for occupancy. Most of the basement concrete floor has been laid, and the contractor states that all the earth to be carried from the basement will be moved during the day. Forms for the sidewalk are being placed in position and the building of the outer section of the walk will begin Monday.

The H. L. White building has reached such proportions as to give the block definite form. The brick men are finishing their tasks and lath and plaster men are making preparations for their part of the work. The cornice is in place and the roof is nearly completed. In this building will be housed the Odd Fellows of the city and the building has been given the name "Fraternity Block."

The Burton Investment company building, next to Fraternity block, has been raised one story and the finishing work on the upper floor is now being done. A handsome cornice has been placed on this building to correspond with the cornice on Fraternity block. It is a story higher, however.

The W. H. Wright & Sons' annex to the north of the main building is nearing completion and the company is already placing some of its goods in the south part of the large basement. The clothing department of the store will be moved into the annex soon after July 4.

H. C. Chamberlain has begun the erection of a residence on Washington avenue, between Sixth and Seventh streets, that will cost in the neighborhood of \$25,000.

George H. Tribe & Co. is remodeling the store building and sidewalk on Washington avenue, between Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth streets, at a cost of about \$10,000.

Contractor Carl A. Wiese is building a residence for J. P. Corey on Harrison avenue, between Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth streets, that will cost something more than \$3,000.

The plans for the Parry building are completed.

Do you know about the many new attractions for the children at The Hermitage?

TO TAKE OFFICE ABOUT JULY 1

William W. Browning, whose appointment to the position of postmaster at Ogden was sent to the senate for confirmation, as announced in the Standard, will be ready to take up his duties at the office immediately upon receiving his commission from Washington. He believes that the commission will arrive in time to permit of his taking hold on July 1, which will be a convenient time, as that is the beginning of the fiscal year.

It is doubtful if there will be any changes in the postoffice. Assistant Postmaster Rufus Garner holds his position by recent civil service laws. Mr. Garner has had long experience in his official capacity and will be an able assistant to the new postmaster.

Mr. Browning is a native of Ogden, having been born on the present site of the Eccles skyscraper February 25, 1862. He received his education in the Ogden public schools and took up printing as a trade. His first experience in this line was secured on the Ogden Junction, the predecessor of the Standard.

Free Dance at Hermitage Tonight.

SHOPS CLOSED SATURDAYS EACH WEEK

The decreased freight traffic has resulted in a shutdown of the Southern Pacific shops in this city on Saturdays. For the last month there has not been sufficient work to keep the force of machinists engaged during the entire week. Only a few employees are kept in the shops throughout Saturday.

In part, the decrease in the freight business is due to the loss of the fruit crop in California, last winter, through frosts, but even the shipments have fallen off. At the present time the fruit shipments from California are about one-third of what they were at this season last year. On the other hand, the passenger traffic has been heavier than for years.

In speaking of the matter today, D. J. Malone, assistant superintendent in charge of the shops, stated that it is customary to shut down on Saturdays at this time of the year, but he pointed out that the working day has been increased one hour. Where the men formerly worked eight hours the working day in the shops is now nine hours.

While Mr. Malone could not say when the traffic would necessitate full operations, he stated that he looked for business to pick up considerably before the end of the summer.

25c to Ogden Canyon and return, including Free Concert and Free Dance.

Chicago, June 21.—Holding that Mrs. R. Van Vliessen was cognizant of, and profited by, her husband's forgeries, a jury in Judge Pettit's court today declined to grant her a divorce. The defendant, Peter Van Vliessen is serving a term at Joliet for mortgage forgeries aggregating more than half million dollars.

The Babes Have Spoken

Here they are. We are the people—We are here and society is going to be better or worse for our coming.

We have no option in the matter, we were not consulted. We have been told that we are expected to grow up and become exemplary men and women, like our parents.

That in the coming year we will influence, for better or worse, those with whom we associate.

That we must be good, and that we must also be strong and self-reliant, lest we be led into evil ways and consequent unhappiness.

And so, at our last meeting, we passed by unanimous vote the following resolutions:

RESOLVED, that we are the people, that we are the hope of the state and its only guarantee for the future, and that we must have work to do and trades to learn as we grow older.

RESOLVED, further, that unless our parents want to force us out of this community and into the large cities of the East or West to find employment when we grow older, they should support and build up factories now in this inter-mountain country, which will be able to furnish us employment and a market for our products.

RESOLVED, further, that a copy of these resolutions be presented as early as may be to our parents, with the earnest request that they give attention thereto, and take action thereon without delay.

Build up the city you live in.

Manufacturers Association of Utah "The Payroll Builders"

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WHITE WAY IS EXTENDED TO ADAMS

At noon today the digging of holes for the poles of the Ogden "Great White Way" was completed to Wall avenue and 25th street, and the diggers were placed at work on 25th street, from Washington to Adams avenues. The latter district was not included in the original plan for lighting the city by means of arc lights placed on the sides of the streets, but Manager P. D. Kline of the Ogden Rapid Transit company stated this morning that he had been authorized by the Weber club to include the block in his order for poles and also to prepare to install the system there.

All the holes have been dug except where poles belonging to the Utah Light & Railway company interfere. The obstructions will be removed soon and the work of placing the poles may begin Monday. The poles will be imbedded in concrete to a depth of a little more than five feet.

As soon as the poles are in place, the Merchants Light & Power company will begin the wiring for the arc lamps. In the meantime the Rapid Transit company will string the span wires preparatory to attaching their trolley wires and removing the trolley poles from the center of the street.

The managers of the light and transit companies still maintain that the new light system will be ready for use by July 4, which is only about two weeks hence.

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Society

MUSICAL
Saturday a very successful musical afternoon was given by the young pupils of Miss Ellen Thomas at her studio.

The following took part in the program: Misses Ida Parker, Josie Hadlock, Marion Pierce, Luella Nicholas, Alta Parker, Luella Hadlock, Ella Parker, Ruth Hadlock, Stella Parker, Lyle Thomas, Ethel Hadlock, Gertrude Poyer, Ellen Thirstensen, Mamie Crittenden and Masters Alton Parker and Lowell Boyle.

DAUGHTERS TO GIVE SOCIAL.
One of the big social events planned for the coming week will be the dancing party and lawn social of the Daughters of the Pioneers, which will occur on Tuesday evening. The entertainment will be held at the Third

ward, the dancing to take place in the ward hall, and the social on the big lawn surrounding the meeting house.

The hall has been put in fine condition for the event and excellent music has been secured. Strings of colored incandescent lights and Japanese lanterns have been arranged in a brilliant decorative scheme for the lawn party and the committee will arrange a number of attractive booths from which different kinds of appropriate wares will be dispensed.

The entire membership of the order is working hard, under the direction of the general committee, to make the affair a big success and the public is invited to participate.

The entertainment on the lawn will commence at 8 and the dancing will begin at 9 p. m.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL.
The ladies auxiliary to the I. A. of M. will give a lawn social at the home of Mrs. Dora, 234 23rd street, Wednesday, June 25, in the afternoon and evening, where ice cream and home-made cake will be served. A cordial welcome to all has been extended.

FOR MISS STONE.
Young ladies of St. Cecilia guild gave Miss Myrtle Stone, who will become the bride of Leland H. Farr on Wednesday, June 25, a happy surprise Tuesday evening at the home of Miss Frances Van Namee, where a prettily appointed handkerchief shower had been nicely planned. The rooms were resplendent with June roses and the long table where a delicious supper was served at 10:30 was beautifully laid and adorned with flowers. A large bowl of June roses formed the centerpiece and at each plate a



Miss Myrtle Stone

cluster of American Beauty roses was placed as a souvenir for each guest. Music and pleasant social diversions were enjoyed and many dainty gifts were offered to the popular young member of St. Cecilia's guild of the Church of the Good Shepherd.

A merry social time followed the supper hour and as the time approached for the party to disperse Miss Stone was engaged in conversation by two of the guests, while the rest of the young ladies stole a march on Mr. Farr, who was on his way to take his fiancée home, bringing him into the parlor to the strains of Mendelssohn's wedding march, decorating him with roses and making witty and congratulatory speeches that made the final hour one long to be remembered.

Those present were Misses Myrtle Stone, Alta Avey, Frances McCready, Mada Parry, Elsie Stone, Naomi Van Namee, Irma Noble, Mary Hinley, Margaret Budlong, Frances Van Namee.

WEDDING ANNOUNCED.
Mr. and Mrs. Edgar D. Stone have issued invitations to the marriage ceremony of their daughter, Myrtle A., to Leland Howard Farr on Wednesday evening, June 25, at half past eight at their home, 931 Twenty-first street.

MRS. KELLER TO ENTERTAIN.
Mrs. Emil Keller will entertain in compliment to Miss Myrtle Stone, the young bride-to-be, Monday evening, June 23.

PIANO RECITAL.
Next Monday evening at the ladies guild rooms, Twenty-fourth street and Grant avenue, the pupils of Miss Ellen Thomas will appear in a free recital assisted by Misses Carrie Browning, Oetel and Cleone Rich.

The following program will be rendered:

- (a) Matin B. Goddard
- (b) When I Think of Violets, Ronald
- (c) A Bowl of Roses, Clarke
- (d) Miss Juanita Smurthwaite
- (e) When Song Is Sweet, Sans Souci
- (f) A Little Pink Rose, Bond
- (g) Miss Francis McCready
- (h) Let Us Forget, Maud Valerie
- (i) Lullaby I Opera Ermia, Jakobowski
- (j) Miss Myrtle Brown
- (k) Gondoleir, Meyer-Helmund
- (l) Sunbeams, Ronald
- (m) Miss Maud Sadler
- (n) A Haunting Memory, Bond
- (o) Sing, Smile and Slumber, Gourrod
- (p) Miss Melba Read
- (q) Duet, Violin and Piano, Selected
- (r) Misses Oetel and Cleone Rich
- (s) O Rest in the Lord, Mendelssohn
- (t) A Perfect Day, Bond
- (u) Miss Juanita Smurthwaite
- (v) A Memory, Valerie White
- (w) Ave Marie, Mascagni
- (x) Miss Myrtle Brown
- (y) Aria from Faust, Gounod
- (z) Miss Maud Sadler
- (aa) I Love You Truly, Bond
- (ab) Good Bye, Postl
- (ac) Miss Francis McCready
- (ad) Minuet, Paderewski
- (ae) Miss Maud Sadler
- (af) Duet Thou Know (opera Mignon), Thomas
- (ag) Miss Melba Read
- (ah) Duet, Barcarolle (tales of Hoffman), Offenbach
- (ai) Misses Melba Read and Francis McCready

LUNCHEON.
Miss Vera Clark and Miss Marian Treasurer entertain at a prettily appointed luncheon for Miss Mary Watts at the home of Miss Clark, 2375 Madison avenue, June 24 at 1:30.

Miss Watts has just returned from school at Philadelphia.

MARTHA SOCIETY.
The Martha society will meet with Mrs. Joseph Scowcroft at her home on 26th street Monday, June 24, at 3 p. m.

Miss Emma H. Gelston of Washington, D. C. is visiting her sister, Mrs. C. P. Calvert. Miss Gelston will spend the summer here.

SOUTH FORK RESERVIOR

Contractor Abandons Work and Files Lien For \$29,000, of Which Not One Cent Is Due—Reservoir Company Goes Right Along—New Contractor Started Work Last Monday and Work Will Be Pushed Right Along.

Last evening the Gillis Construction company, which assigned to the American Construction company, which concern had entered into a contract with the Ogden River Reservoir company to build the first 66 feet of the dam in the South Fork of the Ogden river, filed a lien against the company for \$29,000. This action is entirely in harmony with the bluffing methods said company, or companies have adopted. They officially signed a contract to excavate the rock work in the core-wall trench for \$1 per cubic yard, below the level of 5,280, and for 70 cents per cubic yard above that level, but when the reservoir company had signed up the contract with Ogden City the construction company, without permission or consent of the Ogden River Reservoir company, changed the price from \$1 to \$7 and from 70 cents to \$3 per cubic yard, and the amount of the lien is supposed to cover the difference between the contract price and the price the contractor now sets upon his work.

The contractor has got it into his head that Ogden City has not the right to get the benefit of the cheap price at which it contracted to do the work for the Ogden River Reservoir company, while the latter company claims it has a right to sell one-half interest in its contract, if it wants to.

Those familiar with the affairs of the dam construction assert that the lien is not worth the paper upon which it is written.

W. E. Roche of the firm of Bostaph & Roche, engineers for the Ogden River Reservoir company, said this morning:

"The Gillis Construction company signed a contract with the Ogden River Reservoir company to excavate the core wall trench for 70 cents per cubic yard above a certain level and for \$1 per cubic yard below a certain level and our firm has given the contractor estimates for payment in full for every yard excavated by said concern under the contract. So far as the city engineer has checked up the work done by the Gillis Construction company at the dam, the city engineer's records show that our firm has been absolutely fair and just in allowing for the exact number of yards of dirt and rock excavated. Under the contract, the Ogden River Reservoir company could not owe the construction company anything unless

the engineers had made estimates for work done, which the reservoir company refused to pay, and I am advised that every estimate that we have issued has been paid in full."

William Glasman, president of the Ogden River Reservoir company, was asked if the lien would interfere with the work on the dam, and he said:

"Not in the least. Our company has made provisions for the issuing of bonds to go even still higher than the present contract contemplates. Long before the lien was filed our company placed a mortgage, or trust deed, on all of its property, for half a million dollars and the Ogden Savings bank is the trustee for the bondholders, and the work will continue just the same as if no lien had been filed. Of course, if the court should finally give judgment in favor of the lien, our company would have to pay off the judgment, but we have no fear of that. The lien was only filed to cloud the title. The contract our company has with the Gillis Construction company provides that we shall pay the estimates within ten days after the engineers, Bostaph & Roche, should make them. We have paid every estimate in full. We do not owe one cent."

Ralph E. Hoag, president of the Utah National bank, will convince any one that our company is not short of funds; that we are amply able to take care of all our liabilities even including the lien of the Gillis Construction company, if the court should declare there was anything due them.

"I look upon the lien as simply a blackmailing proposition to which our company refuses to be a party. We have a hundred cents on the dollar to pay every dollar we owe, but we have not one cent for tribute."

"It is not the fault of the Ogden River Reservoir company that the contractor bid too low. The contractor has no more right to squeal at his low price than the reservoir company would have if the price had been higher than a fair profit would warrant. Our company challenges the Gillis Construction company to take the case to court at once."

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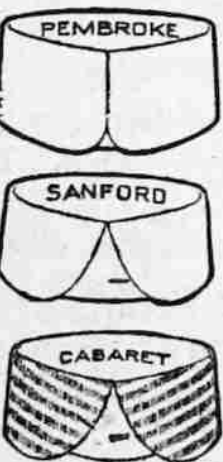


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